

North Figueroa Association Board Meeting
Tuesday May 17, 2016 @ 10 am
@ Future Studio

Board members in attendance: Alex Rudisky, Tom Wilson, Titina Folliero, John Harb, Richard Calderon, Joy Gibson, Gina Alza, Amy Inouye

Others in attendance (see signup sheet)

Meeting called to order 10:05 am

March 2016 minutes, approved unanimously

Public Comments

Veronica from Arroyo Vista Health Clinic: NELA health fairs scheduled for May 24-29 throughout NELA

Sylvia Robledo (CD1): comments are invited regarding DWP restructuring; new streetlight installed on Ave 55/Fig; new signal to come at Food4Less; HP Bowl now open; animal services workshop to take place May 31, 6:30pm, Ramona Hall; small business workshop at Ebell Club Wed 5/18, 6 to 9 pm, free

LAPD: armed street robberies have occurred late night (10pm-4am-ish); commercial breakins w/ front windows broken recently at Greyhound, Tierra Mia coffee; vendor sweep took place May 3 at night at Fig/York and in Cypress Park; violent crime down; homeless ordinance makes it legal to sleep on sidewalks betw 9pm and 6am—municipal codes are being revised, persons can be cited after 6am; increase in homelessness overall in city & county

General Services: homeless contacts/removals up; they will have refresher training in contact w/ homeless; on-duty officers are supposed to be doing more community networking; please call Sean with feedback

Chrysalis: Fig Jam cleanup and pressure-washing done; some Big Belly signs have been taken and will be replaced; trash bag count is down; Rick distributed annual Chrysalis fact sheet

City Clerk's Office: BID assessment date due June 1; office does an informal audit of NFA quarterly

Closed Board Session

Discussion of budget for 2016-2017—security, maintenance, and minimum wage will be increasing, insurance may also increase; NFA spends 73% of budget on services. Do we increase assessments for 2017? If we do not, we should be status quo for 2017, but will need to increase for 2018. The board voted not to increase for 2017.

Questions: do we add more security? Where can we cut costs?

We will re-bid security, storage, phone service, and health insurance

Motion to not increase assessments for 2017 (Alex, second by John); approved unanimously

BID renewal will be coming in 2019 and we will need to budget for additional expenses for that. By law, we will need an engineer's report, previous one cost \$19,000; last time Misty wrote the renewal MDP, saving \$ from having a consultant do it. Engineer's reports are posted on city website.

Last election issues will be addressed in the bylaws committee recommendations (terms of board members, etc); Alex will report on Christmas inventory at next meeting

Meeting adjourned 11:25 am; next meeting Tue June 21 @ 10am (last meeting before summer break)